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STATUS INQUIRY

Honorable Sir:

A final Office Action was issued regarding the above-referenced patent application on November 12, 2009. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected all claims based on a combination of two references: Gillick (U.S. Patent No. 6,383,206) and Keegan (U.S. Patent No. 7,144,408).

During a telephone interview conducted on January 11, 2010, between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney, the Examiner conceded that all rejections based on Keegan were improper and agreed to withdraw all rejections based on this reference. Furthermore, in the subsequent Interview Summary issued on January 14, 2010, the Examiner indicated that she will withdraw all

rejections based on this reference and that no action is currently required by applicants.

As all outstanding rejections are based on Keegan, the Applicants believe that either a Notice of Allowability or an additional Office Action is forthcoming.

At present, however, the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system does not reflect any updates with regard to either of these actions. The Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner promptly provide an indication of the current status of this application.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Status Inquiry, the undersigned attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss such matters with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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